

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

The main object of the Bill is to amend the law under which provision is made by local authorities in Ireland for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Clause 1.—Under this clause the provisions of Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, with respect to the compulsory notification of tuberculosis will have effect throughout the whole of Ireland instead of only in the sanitary districts in which those provisions are adopted.

Clause 2.—This clause provides that in any county in which a county council has established a tuberculosis dispensary under the Act of 1908, cases of tuberculosis are to be notified to the medical superintendent of the dispensary instead of the local medical officer of health.

Clause 3.—This clause alters the provisions of the Act of 1908 as to the classification of expenses incurred by county councils in connexion with tuberculosis hospitals and dispensaries, and provides that all such expenses are to be raised by means of the poor rate. The clause also contains a temporary provision enabling councils to meet expenses incurred by them in the execution of the Act of 1908 during the present financial year.

Clause 4.—This clause empowers county councils providing a common hospital or dispensary to arrange as to the proportions in which each county is to contribute to the expenses. Under the Act of 1908 the contributions are to be based on the rateable value of the counties.

Clause 5.—This clause enables a joint hospital provided by sanitary authorities under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts for the treatment of tuberculosis to be transferred to a county council.

Clause 6.—This clause removes a doubt as to the classes of persons who may be admitted to a tuberculosis hospital established under the Act of 1908.

Clause 7.—This clause empowers the Local Government Board to facilitate the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary by transferring to a county council for that purpose any land which may be vested in the Board.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

Clause.

1. Extension of Part I. of 8 Edw. 7. c. 56.
2. Amendment of 8 Edw. 7. c. 56. s. 1.
3. Expenses of county councils.
4. Contributions by county councils to common hospitals and dispensaries.
5. Transfer to county councils of hospitals provided under the Public Health Acts.
6. Persons who may be received in county council hospitals.
7. Sites for dispensaries.
8. Repeal, commencement, short title, and construction.

SCHEDULE.

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Prevent the Spread and provide for the Treatment of Tuberculosis; and for other purposes connected therewith. A.D. 1912.
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BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. From and after the commencement of this Act the provisions of Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), shall extend to the whole of Ireland, and section three of the principal Act shall cease to have effect. Extension of
Part I. of
8 Edw. 7.
c. 56.
- 10 2.—(1) Where a dispensary is established by a county council under the principal Act, for the treatment of inhabitants of the county suffering from tuberculosis, section one of the principal Act shall, as respects that county, have effect with the following modifications (that is to say):— Amend-
ment of
8 Edw. 7.
c. 56, s. 1.
- 15 (a) Any certificate with respect to a person in the county suffering from tuberculosis which under that section is required to be sent to the medical officer of health shall, instead of being sent to that officer, be sent to the medical superintendent of the dispensary, or if
- 20 there is more than one such dispensary, established by the county council, to the medical superintendent of the dispensary nearest to the place where the person is, and accordingly for references to the medical officer of health there shall be substituted
- 25 references to such medical superintendent, and for

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references to the sanitary authority there shall be substituted references to the county council, or where the dispensary is a common dispensary established by the county council in combination with any other county council or councils, to the joint committee of 5 management:

- (b) It shall be the duty of the medical superintendent of the dispensary, when he considers it necessary that steps should be taken by the sanitary authority of any sanitary district in the county under section two 10 of the principal Act, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection in connexion with any case of tuberculosis notified to him, to send a report to the sanitary authority, stating the steps which ought 15 in his opinion to be taken.

- (2) This section shall not apply to a county borough.

Expenses
of county
councils.

3.—(1) The provisions of Part II. of the principal Act, with respect to the classification of expenses of county councils as establishment expenses and patients' expenses shall cease to have effect, and all expenses of a county council under the 20 principal Act or this Act shall be raised by means of the poor rate, and as respects the expenses of the council of any county other than a county borough as a county-at-large charge.

(2) A county council, for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred by them in the execution of the principal Act or this 25 Act in the financial year ending the *thirty-first day of March nineteen hundred and thirteen*, for the payment of which provision was not made in their estimates for that year, may, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, borrow money temporarily as for the purposes of section four of the 30 principal Act, or otherwise as the Local Government Board may sanction.

(3) Sections seven and ten of the principal Act shall cease to have effect.

Contributions by
county
councils to
common
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and dispensaries.

4.—(1) The county councils providing a common hospital or 35 dispensary under Part II. of the principal Act shall contribute to the expenses thereof in such proportions as may be agreed upon, or in default of agreement in such proportions as may be determined by the Local Government Board.

(2) Section nine of the principal Act shall cease to have 40 effect.

- 5.—(1) Any joint board constituted under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907, for the provision of a hospital for the treatment of consumptives, may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, enter into and carry into effect an agreement for the transfer of the hospital and the property held or used in connexion therewith to the council of any county for the purposes of Part II. of the principal Act, and the Local Government Board may, after due inquiry, make under their seal such orders as may be necessary to enable the agreement to be carried into effect.
- (2) An order of the Local Government Board under this section may amongst other things provide for the dissolution of the joint board, and the repeal or amendment of any provisional order relating to that board, and may apportion and adjust any property, income, debts, liabilities, and expenses of any area or authority affected by the transfer, and shall contain such consequential provisions with respect to the settlement of differences, payment of sums and otherwise as to the Local Government Board may seem necessary.
- (3) For the purpose of paying any sum in pursuance of an order under this section a local authority may borrow in the case of a county council as for the purposes of section four of the principal Act, and in the case of the council of any county district as for the purposes of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1907.
- (4) The provisions of any order made under this section shall have effect as if enacted in this Act.
6. It is hereby declared that a person suffering from tuberculosis may be admitted to and maintained and treated in any hospital provided under Part II. of the principal Act, notwithstanding that he is not an inhabitant of a county the council of which has provided or has joined in providing the hospital.
7. The Local Government Board may place any land vested in them at the disposal of a county council as a site for a dispensary to be provided under Part II. of the Principal Act, and may convey the land to the county council for that purpose upon such terms and conditions as they think proper.
- 8.—(1) The enactments specified in the schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that schedule.

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Sites for dispensaries.

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struction.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the *first day of March nineteen hundred and thirteen.*

(3) This Act shall be construed as one with the principal Act, and may be cited as the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1912; and this Act and the principal Act may be cited together as the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Acts, 1908 and 1912.

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ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
5 & 6 Edw. 7. c. 56 10	The Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1906.	In subsection (1) of section one the words "within any district to which this part of this Act extends." Section three. Section seven. Subsection (2) of section eight. Section nine. Section ten. In section thirteen, paragraph (8). Subsection (3) of section fifteen.

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